



## **Smart Start FOCUS Packet** ***Early Childhood Investment***

### **Ten Reasons Why Early Childhood Education Pays Off**

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-10-21/ten-reasons-why-early-childhood-education-pays-off>

### **Business Case for Early Childhood Investments**

<http://www.readynation.org/wp-content/uploads/ReadyNation-Business-Brief1.pdf>

### **The 'Word Gap' Takes Root In Infancy; So Too Should Our Efforts to Close It**

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/sandra-waxman/the-word-gap-takes-root-i\\_b\\_8613406.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/sandra-waxman/the-word-gap-takes-root-i_b_8613406.html)

### **Using Coordinated Data Systems to Guide Early Childhood Education Policies**

[http://www.childtrends.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/ECDC-IssueBrief1\\_Final.pdf](http://www.childtrends.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/ECDC-IssueBrief1_Final.pdf)

### **Learning How Much Quality is Necessary to Get to Good Results for Children**

<http://curry.virginia.edu/uploads/resourceLibrary/NCRECEInFocusV112Thresholdanalysis.pdf>

### **2016 Recommendations for the Expansion of First Class Pre-K**

[http://www.alabamaschoolreadiness.org/uploadedFiles/File/ASRA\\_Legislative\\_FullRecs2016\\_Web.pdf](http://www.alabamaschoolreadiness.org/uploadedFiles/File/ASRA_Legislative_FullRecs2016_Web.pdf)

### **Perry Preschool & Character: Character skills are more important than IQ in driving better life outcomes**

<http://heckmanequation.org/content/resource/research-summary-perry-preschool-and-character-skill-development>

### **The Case for Investing in Disadvantaged Young Children**

<https://docs.google.com/viewerng/viewer?url=www.heckmanequation.org/sites/default/files/Heckman+Investing+in+Young+Children.pdf>

### **Quality Early Childhood Education Is A Smart Investment for Policy Makers**

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/realspin/2015/05/13/quality-early-childhood-education-is-a-smart-investment-for-policy-makers/#46a20fe44ad9>

### **Investing in Our Future: The Evidence Base on Preschool Education**

<http://fcd-us.org/sites/default/files/Evidence%20Base%20on%20Preschool%20Education%20FINAL.pdf>